

TULSA MAY BECOME CANDIDATE FOR STATE CAPITAL

EX-GOVERNOR CHARLES N. HASKELL MENTIONED AS SUCCESSOR TO SENATOR GORE

The Weather

TULSA, April 7.—The temperature: Maximum 72; minimum 57; clear.

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SENTIMENT FAVORS MAKING TULSA SEAT OF STATE ADMINISTRATION

PROMINENT MEN LIVING ELSEWHERE URGE THIS CITY TO GET IN THE RACE.

EASTERN PART UNANIMOUS

NEAR THE CENTER OF POPULATION OF OKLAHOMA—OPPOSED BY BUT A FEW.

TO BE LUNCHEON TOPIC

Muskogee Committee and Local Men Will Discuss the Matter at Noonday "Banquet."

The undivided sentiment of the eastern part of Oklahoma and many sections of the western part of the state that Tulsa initiate a bill to locate the state capital here has finally taken root and at today's weekly business men's lunch in the Hotel Tulsa the matter will be taken up formally for the first time. For several weeks letters from all parts of the state have been pouring in on the business men and commercial club of Tulsa urging that this city get in the fight for the capital. The matter has grown so fast of late that it was decided to bring the proposition before the business men at the lunch today.

A special committee from Muskogee composed of Editor Eugene Kerr of the Times-Democrat, President J. F. Darby of the Commercial Club, Superior Judge Farra L. McCain and Nate Gibson, a prominent oil man, will be present at the luncheon to urge in the name of all the citizens of Muskogee that Tulsa get in the race.

Mr. M. Hughes will be the toastmaster at today's luncheon and the speakers will be O. H. Leonard, president of the Commercial Club and Thomas B. Lyons, Carl C. Magee was to have been one of the speakers but he was called out of the city last night and will be unable to attend.

That sentiment throughout a great part of the state is strongly in favor of Tulsa getting in the race for the capital is evidenced by the two following letters:

"Muskogee, April 4, 1913.
"Mr. T. D. Lyons,
"Tulsa, Oklahoma.
"Dear Sir:—

"I have been in Oklahoma City several weeks of late and believe that the people in many parts of the state of Oklahoma are hostile toward Oklahoma City and completely dissatisfied with the manner in which they have handled the state capital proposition from the start. I believe that a proposition to resubmit the location of the State capital to the people would find general support.

"It is my opinion that should Tulsa want the State capital located there and put forth the effort of which she is capable that the capital can be located at Tulsa.

"I am sure that Muskogee, Muskogee County, and the adjoining counties will give their hearty support to Tulsa should she enter the race.

"Very truly yours,
"J. F. DARBY,
"President Commercial Club."

"Muskogee, Okla., April 4, 1913.
"T. D. Lyons, Esquire,
"Tulsa, Oklahoma.
"Dear Lyons:—

"Relative to our conversation about the prospect of Tulsa initiating a petition for a Constitutional amendment locating the state capital at Tulsa, I find that public opinion in this town would unanimously approve and endorse such an amendment to the Constitution. I have discussed the matter with the president of our Commercial Club and a large number of our leading business men and politicians in both parties and I believe that if Tulsa should determine to make an effort to get the capital that she would not lose exceeding one hundred votes in this county, and she would not only not lose the votes but would receive the enthusiastic support of the citizens of this town and county.

"Yours very truly,
"FORRAN L. MCANIN."

Mayor of San Antonio Dies.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 7.—Mayor A. H. Jones of this city, died suddenly tonight of apoplexy. He was 54 years old and was elected last year to succeed Mayor Callaghan. He was a candidate for re-election this spring.

Arizona Town Reported Doomed.

EL PASO, Texas, April 7.—It is reported here that the town of Clifton, Ariz., is burning and threatened with destruction.

COLLINSVILLE YOUTH TRIES TO KILL SELF—LOVE AFFAIR

Nineteen-Year-Old Smelter Worker Takes Carbolic Acid.

COLLINSVILLE, Okla., April 7.—(Special.)—Despondency over a love affair is said to have led Lee Thornton, aged 19, a smelter worker, to drink part of a phial of carbolic acid in the bath room of his parents' home here this afternoon. Thornton is in a serious condition and is not expected to live. Recently Thornton is said to have given Lilly Keys, a 15-year-old girl, a diamond engagement ring. Yesterday the girl handed him back the ring, telling him she was too young to marry. Thornton then remarked to some friends that he was going to kill himself, but they thought he was joking.

NOVELTIES MARK SPECIAL SESSION

PROGRESSIVES START A FIGHT AT THE OUTSET—SUFFRAGETTES PRESENT.

WILSON UPSETS TRADITION

For First Time in Many Years President Is to Read His Message to Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Congress, opening in extraordinary session today under democratic domination, was enlivened by the activities of a healthy youth, the progressive organization in the house, and an invasion of petition-bearing suffragettes. But even these novelties were overshadowed by preparations for the event tomorrow when President Wilson will deliver his tariff message by word of mouth to the nation's lawmakers.

Victor Murdock, leader of the new progressive party in the lower branch, aided by his small band of followers, attracted unusual interest and at the very outset stirred up a fight over the seating of Representative H. Olin Young of Michigan.

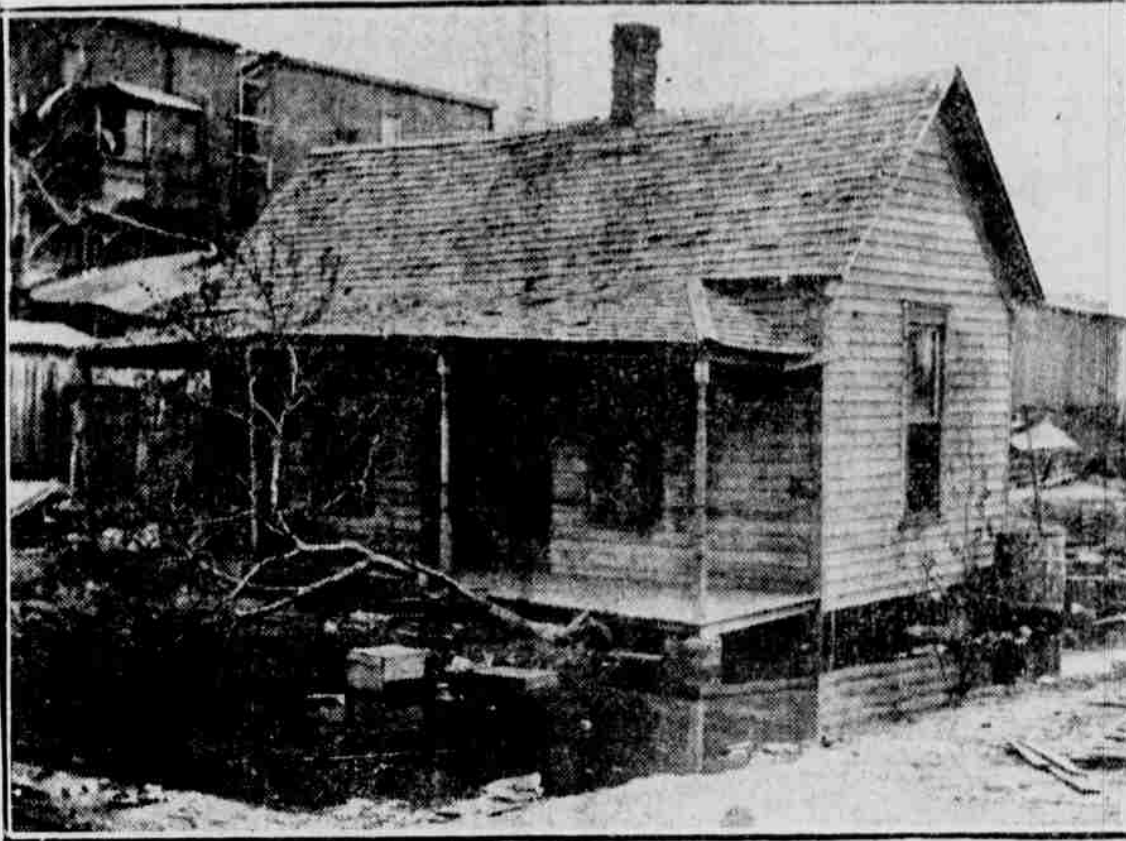
The heralding of the coming of the president of the United States was the principal subject of official and unofficial discussion. The senate hesitated when a resolution, adopted previously by the house provided for a joint session tomorrow to listen to President Wilson, was presented for its consideration. It was a stunning proposal. Not in the lifetime of any veteran statesman present had such a thing even been considered. History, they supposed had closed on custom a century or more ago. First, an effort was made to have the resolution lie over under the rule but Vice President Marshall ruled it was a resolution of the highest privilege.

Before it was adopted Senator Williams of Mississippi deprecated the president's decision to enter the hall of congress and speak his mind to the "people's representatives." He expressed the hope that such an event never would occur again in the administration. He doubted the wisdom of the move, averring that it could not aid in bringing about the legislation for which the people were clamoring.

In the house the resolution was adopted without debate as soon as Majority Leader Underwood introduced it. The plans for the president's welcome took on a gala aspect. Members scrambled for the special tickets to the galleries which were issued for tomorrow, the occasion being looked forward to as an epochal event in the history of the administration.

Organization of both houses was partly concluded today, the senate having nothing to do but mark time. Speaker Clark was re-elected and Victor Murdock (progressive) and other officers of the house also were re-elected. The progressive strength was tested on the speakership. Mr. Murdock received 15 votes. The new party, however, mustered more votes later in the fight on Representative Young when it attempted to prevent his taking the oath of office by a resolution introduced.

Two Families Live in This House, Located in Midst of Germ-Laden, Slimy Pool of Water



The above picture shows a home within three blocks of the heart of the business district, that is virtually in a lake of green water. The pool of water bounds the house on two sides. It has been standing there three weeks now and is full of disease germs of all kinds. Two families live in the house, and there are two small children included in the lot. These children are daily attendants at the public schools here. When a reporter yesterday called at the home, located at Second and

Elgin, no one was at home but a 17-year-old boy. He was asked whether or not the families feared disease from the water.

"Yes," he replied, "we know it is dangerous."

"Have you notified the health department of conditions?"

"Yes, we have," was the answer. "Only this morning one of the city officials looked over the situation and promised to see that it was fixed up all right."

Adjoining this house is a large laundry, employing a number of girls, who work beside open windows through which the breeze from the slimy pool of stagnant water float directly to them.

Tulsa's death rate during the past two years decreased while the population increased. Such conditions as the above have been carefully guarded against in the past and that has resulted in the wonderfully good health of the city at large.

RADICAL CHANGE IN TARIFF RATE

IMPORTANT SUBJECT BROUGHT UP THE INSTANT CONGRESS CONVENES.

WILL CAUCUS THIS A. M.

President Favors Taking It Up Schedule by Schedule—Underwood Feels Different.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The Democratic party in full possession of the executive and legislative branches of the national government, today turned the wheels of legislation toward a revision of the tariff.

Leaders of the house presented to the country a tariff bill voluminous in detail, and radical in its proposed reduction of existing duties. As a whole it was the product of debate and study by the democrats from the time they came into the majority in the house two years ago but it represented particularly the conclusions of the house ways and means committee after several months of work. It carried also the approval of the president.

Seven of the ten democratic members of the senate finance committee early in the day, had by Chairman Simmons, told the president that an attempt to put through a single bill would be hazardous. The president said he did not believe any of the democratic senators would seek to shoulder the responsibility for defeating the program of the party. He, nevertheless, heard in detail the arguments advanced for a schedule-by-schedule revision and decided to consult again with Representative Oscar Underwood, leader of the house, who favors the single bill process.

Mr. Underwood said the caucus of house democrats tomorrow would begin to consider items and that the question of reporting a single bill from the ways and means committee or segregating those portions around which opposition centers would not have to be decided immediately.

The Louisiana senators are being urged by their constituents to oppose ultimate free sugar and are said to have the support of other democratic members of the senate.

Just what opposition to the bill might be expected from those who are against free wool was not apparent today. Senator Ashurst, who had been reported as ready to vote against the bill because it provided for free wool, denied on the floor of the senate that he had any such intention.

SCHOOL OFFICER FACING CHARGES

O. P. H. McDOWELL, SECRETARY OF BOARD, ALLEGED GUILTY OF NEPOTISM.

HEARING THIS MORNING

County Commissioners to Take Evidence at 10 a. m.—Claim Appointed Relatives.

CHARLES O. H. P. McDowell, secretary of the Tulsa Board of Education, with nepotism, three other members of the board yesterday filed with the county commissioners, a petition asking the immediate removal of McDowell from office and the filing of criminal charges. They are proceeding under that section of the state school laws which provides that any public officer who appoints a relative under him, is guilty of a misdemeanor and can be fined not less than \$100, or more than \$1,000 and must, in addition, forfeit his office.

Paul Sanger, vice president of the board, and Mike Stiger and E. J. Phillips, members, filed the petition. They allege that McDowell appointed his son-in-law as an assistant architect on one of the new city school buildings and gave a niece a position as teacher.

The commissioners have set the hour of 10 o'clock this morning as a time for hearing evidence in the case. There is some question as to the jurisdiction of the commissioners in the matter.

KENDALL DORMITORY DEDICATION TONIGHT

The general public will tonight take part in the formal opening of Broadview Lodge at 8 o'clock Broadview lodge, which has just been completed, is one of the handsomest girls dormitories in the entire state and adds much to the general attractiveness of the Kendall college buildings. An attractive program has been arranged for the occasion and all of the college buildings will be thrown open for the evening. Special street car service between the college and town has been arranged for. Every public spirited citizen of Tulsa should attend the opening exercises tonight.

LAST RITES FOR DEAD LEGISLATOR

LEGISLATURE HOLDS FUNERAL SERVICES FOR REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS.

NO BUSINESS ATTEMPTED

Deceased Came From Willis, Okla., and Was 63 Years Old; Other Deaths in Legislature.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 7.—(Special.)—Brief funeral services in the house of representatives in memory of Representative C. H. Thomas who died Sunday night of pneumonia poisoning, an adjournment until Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, included the only business of the house Monday.

When the house assembled Speaker Maxey announced that funeral arrangements would be made and that the body of the deceased legislator would be sent to Willis, Okla., leaving for the Santa Fe at about 11:45, Monday morning. Upon motions from members of the house, a committee composed of Representatives J. H. Griggs, W. G. Woodard and W. H. Brooks was appointed to accompany the body to Willis, and represent the legislature at the funeral. A committee composed of Representatives C. B. Emanuel, Archibald Bonds and E. E. Glasco was appointed by the speaker to draft resolutions of respect and sorrow for adoption by the house. The following members of the house were named as pall bearers: Representatives Howe, Smith of Dewey, Vought, Rutherford, Dearing and Sharp.

Rev. W. D. Mathews, chaplain of the senate and Rev. W. M. Rippey, house chaplain, joined in conducting the funeral services in the house of representatives, which began shortly after 11 o'clock. The services opened by the singing of the "Sweet Bye and Bye," led by Representatives Rexroat, Curry, Riddle, McMahon, Morgan of Mayes and the two chaplains. Chaplain Matthews followed with a Scripture reading from the nineteenth Psalm.

It was announced by Speaker Maxey that the senate immediately after convening at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, would adjourn out of respect to the memory of Representative Thomas.

Second Tragic Death.
OKLAHOMA CITY, April 7.—(Special.)—The demise of Representative C. H. Thomas of Marshall county in this city Sunday evening from pneumonia poisoning, marks the second tragic death since statehood of a member of the legislature while that

RUMOR THAT GORE CONTEMPLATES RESIGNING STARTLES OKLAHOMA

FILED OF CHARGES AGAINST BLIND SENATOR MAY RESIGN IN VACANCY.

body was in session at the capital, for George O. Johnson of Fort Cobb, member of the second senate, was the other, he having died of apoplexy from fumes of a gas stove.

Representative Thomas answered all roll calls Saturday and went to the ball game to enjoy an afternoon of pleasure with a number of other house members. He returned about six to the evening and ate a hearty meal and went to bed about 11 o'clock. About an hour later he was suffering from severe pains in stomach until he became delirious. Just before morning he was removed to St. Anthony's hospital and physicians worked with the dying man all day. They agreed that death was due to eating canned food.

Representative Thomas lived in Tulsa, Okla., was about 63 years of age and leaves a wife and adopted son.

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LEVELS HOLDING AGAINST FLOODS

SITUATION IS GRAVE AND IT IS GREATEST FLOOD IN HISTORY OF VALLEY.

MEMPHIS UNDER WATER

But Only Outlying Suburbs Affected; Cairo and Points in Kentucky Still Safe.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 7.—While the situation admittedly is grave, dispatches received here tonight indicate that the levees along the central stretches of the Mississippi river so far are holding well against the greatest flood in the history of the valley. "Sandbags" have been developed at several points and at others burlap and other materials are being used to plug the holes. The levee board and the headquarters of the United States engineer corps here, believe, which if prolonged, would be a serious menace, are reported from St. Louis as far south as Hickman, Ky.

Tonight's gauge reading shows a stationary stage at New Madrid, Mo., 50 miles south of Cairo, while at Cairo a rise of one-tenth was recorded. The rise at Cairo, however, is attributed to local rains. At Memphis the stage at 7 o'clock tonight was 45.2 feet, a rise of three-tenths in 12 hours. The record height of last year, when levees broke on both sides of the river, was 45.7 feet.

HICKMAN, Ky., April 7.—Conditions along the Reelfoot levee, west of this city, for which much concern was felt, was reported improved tonight, notwithstanding a steady rain which began this morning and is still falling. Weak places developed during the day within a mile of Hickman and several miles farther west, but the damage was quickly repaired. The river here continues to rise, but at a decreased rate.

The levee at Doremas, Mo., which went out during the flood of last year, is still holding. Ample food supplies are on hand at the refugee camps here and at Columbus, Ky., and beyond the inconvenience of making their homes in tents, those driven from the lowlands by the flood are suffering but little discomfort.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—This special flood bulletin was issued by the weather bureau tonight:

The flood situation at Cairo, Ill., remains practically unchanged. At 7 p. m. Monday the river stood at 54.5 feet. The lower Mississippi in the neighborhood of Memphis, Tenn., is rising at a diminished rate. In the Vicksburg district the crest stages previously forecast have been raised as follows:

"Arkansas City, Ark., 55.5 to 56 feet from 54 to 55 feet; Greenville, Miss., 49 to 50 feet, from 48 to 49 feet; Vicksburg, Miss., 52 to 53 feet from 51 to 52 feet. On other respects, previously announced forecasts stand."

The 7 p. m. stage of the Mississippi river Monday at Memphis was 45.2 feet, a rise of .9 of a foot in 24 hours; Vicksburg, 44.5 feet, a rise of .7 of a foot in 24 hours; New Orleans, 15.9 feet, a rise of .3 of a foot in 24 hours."

FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE IS URGED BY FRIENDS TO ASK FOR THE BERTH.

'WILL HASKELL ACCEPT?

OTHER MEN MENTIONED

Speaker Maxey and H. H. Smith Are Possibilities—No Confirmation of Resignation.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 7.—(Special.)—Rumors that Senator T. P. Gore of Lawton may resign and that Former Governor C. N. Haskell has been urged to become a candidate for the place in case a vacancy should occur are flying thick and fast through the political atmosphere of the capital. Charges that are said to have been filed against the Oklahoma senator in Washington, D. C., have given rise to the rumors of resignation. Friends of Senator Gore, however, deny a report that was in circulation here today that a member of the legislature received a telegram stating that the blind senator would resign.

Talk that Senator Gore might resign has been circulating among the members of the Oklahoma legislature for several days. These rumors became so current that some of the friends of Senator Gore circulated a petition among members which expresses confidence in the blind senator and asks the powers that be in Washington, D. C., to pay no attention to any charges that might be brought to their attention declaring them to be false and inspired by those who would ruin Gore politically.

It was reported Monday that two house leaders went to Muskogee and had a conference Sunday with Former Governor Haskell relative to his prospects of becoming a candidate before the legislature for the United States senate should a vacancy occur for any reason. Friends of the former governor declare that he can control both houses in such a contingency and win the senatorship in a walk. Other names have been mentioned however, besides that of the former executive, principally those of Speaker Maxey, Senator E. J. Thomas and Representative H. H. Smith. Some of the friends of these men declare that Haskell could not secure a majority vote of either house owing to his defeat in the general election of last fall by Senator Owen. One member of the legislature stated today that Haskell would not accept the place if offered him because he has his eye on the governorship in the next general election.

The house held a democratic caucus this afternoon, the congressional redistricting muddle being the chief topic of consideration. Whether or not the Gore matter was mentioned or discussed in the caucus was not learned up to a late hour this afternoon.

Rumor has also connected the name of Congressman Bill Murray with the senatorial race to succeed Gore. It was currently reported here a few days ago that Murray had decided to enter the race in the general election when Gore comes up again as a candidate to succeed the Lawton senator. No mention has been made of Bill Murray's name as a possible candidate for the senatorship in case of a vacancy caused by resignation.

C. N. Haskell was in Tulsa last night, conferring with friends regarding the political situation.

Seven Miles Flooded.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 7.—According to an official estimate, about 170 acres in the northern suburbs of Memphis are inundated tonight as a result of two breaks in the embankment along Bayou Gayoso which serves as an outlet for "backwater" from Wolf river, a tributary of the Mississippi. In all, about 700 buildings, mostly small frame dwellings, are under water. The flooded area includes seven miles of streets, of a total of 225 miles within the city.

The first break in the Bayou levee occurred several days ago and the embankment collapsed tonight at Greenlaw and North Second streets. All of the residents, a number of them negroes, had abandoned their homes